

## 2019 Preliminary State and Federal Accountability Report Cards Released to Schools in Embargoed State

### Release Information

The 2018-2019 state and federal accountability report cards will be released on Friday, November 1, 2019 in an embargoed state to schools and corporations. Embargoed report cards will be posted in the accountability portal at <https://accountability.doe.in.gov>. The State Board of Education will not assign official 2018-2019 state letter grades until the legislature has an opportunity to take action to hold schools harmless. Federal ratings will not be held harmless, and will be made public after the completion of the audit window.

The accountability portal includes the following information:

□ **State Report Card:** The state report card provides school performance data on all state accountability indicators, and the overall state letter grade for the school. The state letter grade is used for all official state purposes. *The grade reported for each school shows what each school would earn under the current accountability system without any action from the General Assembly regarding “hold harmless.” These grades are for informational purposes only and will only be publicly released if a “hold harmless” policy is not enacted.*

□ **Federal Report Card:** The federal report card provides school performance data on all federal accountability indicators, and the overall federal rating. The federal rating is used for all official federal purposes, specifically the identification of schools for comprehensive supports and improvements. *The overall federal rating will be included on the federal report card upon completion of standard setting for the federal accountability system (anticipated completion of standard setting end of November 2019). This overall federal rating will not be a letter grade but rather one of four designations (exceeds expectations, meets expectations, approaches expectations, does not meet expectations) about a school’s overall performance on federal accountability measures.* NOTE: notification of whether a school is identified for comprehensive supports and improvements will be provided upon completion of the audit.

□ **Student Group Report Cards:** The student group report cards provide school performance data on student groups on all federal accountability indicators. The student group performance data are used for the identification of schools for targeted supports and improvements and additional targeted supports and improvements. The overall federal ratings for each student group will be included on the federal report card upon completion of standard setting for the federal accountability system. NOTE: notification of whether a school is identified for targeted or additional targeted supports and improvements will be provided upon completion of the audit.



For more information on the federal accountability system, please participate in the Department's Moodle training courses at <https://moodle.doe.in.gov> under accountability". These courses are accessible using the enrollment key, "accountability2018".

#### A-F Audits & Appeals

The online portal for submission of IDOE Data Audits will open on **November 1, 2019** for all schools and corporations. All documentation must be submitted to the online portal and received by the IDOE no later than **11:59pm on November 17, 2019**. Instructions for how to request an audit may be found in the "School Accountability & Accreditation Community" on Moodle (<https://moodle.doe.in.gov>). This community may be accessed with the one-time enrollment key, "AccountabilityCommunity" (case sensitive).

The State Board's appeal process for state accountability grades will **not** occur concurrently with the audit window. Further information on the State Board's appeal process will be provided as it becomes available. There is not an appeal process for the Federal accountability ranking. Questions on 2018-2019 accountability may be directed to [schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov](mailto:schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov).

#### Exclusion of at-risk students

IC 20-31-8-4.6 provides that at-risk students enrolled at a public school that receive dropout recovery educational services from an eligible school may be excluded from the public school's state accountability calculations. **Please note that the Department has not excluded these students from state accountability calculations. Schools may submit an appeal to address the exclusion of any students the school believes should be removed under this statute.**